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9 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: William P. Bundy  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
International Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Forwarding of the Draft of "Chinese  
Communist Ground Threat Against  
India," dated 9 April 1963

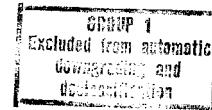
1. Please find attached 5 copies of a draft of "Chinese Communist Ground Threat Against India." It has been coordinated with Staff members from DIA, and will be used for a representatives' meeting preparatory for consideration by UNIB.
2. Lt. Col. Kenneth G. Kochel of the Eastern Division, Office of Estimates, DIA, and Major Richard Calville, of the Production Division, DIA, worked with us in preparing this draft. I understand that Lt. Col. Kochel intended to discuss the matter with you.
3. Our draft is based largely on the DIA estimate "The Chinese Communist Ground Threat to India," dated 18 March 1963. You will note that ours is organized somewhat differently and that there are differences of emphasis on a few points. Our draft differs from the DIA paper on only one quantitative estimate: information which came to light subsequent to the publishing of the DIA paper increases by one regiment the estimate of the number of units which the Chinese could move through Lipulek Pass, one of the passes in the area between Ladakh and Nepal (Paragraph 20 of our draft). The DIA staff members concur in this change.

4. Other differences of any significance are:

- a. Our draft has two paragraphs of general background on the situation in China and on current troop strength in Tibet. (Paragraphs 1 and 2)

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b. We have emphasized the drain on Chinese Communist P.R.C. stocks that would be caused by the attacks described. (Paragraph 5)

c. We have gone into a little more detail in describing the two alternatives open to the Chinese if they attacked in NEFA and northern Assam. (Paragraph 15)

5. I emphasize again that this is not as yet a paper which has the approval of the DCI and the concurrence of the USIB.

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